

THE LUCKY NUMBERS



OUR ROOSTER CROWS LOUDLY

FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE SAME.

The Free Distribution Drawing occurred at the Tabernacle, on Monday afternoon, Jan. 3. The following are the lucky numbers and the prizes:

- 8553—One \$50 Government Bond.
- 10147—One \$25 Cash Gift.
- 368—One \$15 Suit of Clothes.
- 1042—One \$25 Overcoat.
- 9498—One \$15 Youth's Suit.
- 1119—One \$15 Youth's Overcoat.
- 3067—One \$10 Boys' Suit.
- 2692—One \$40 Sewing Machine.
- 8210—One \$25 Cook Stove.
- 12142—One Haworth Check Rower.

The prizes are at our store, where they may be had at any time by the winners, and where the public generally is invited to call and purchase goods from our large and well-selected retail stock, consisting of

CLOTHING

HATS, CAPS,

Gents' Furnishing Goods, Etc.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Jan. 4, 1881—d&w

Korsmeyer & O'Neill,

PLUMBERS, GAS

STEAM FITTERS

And Dealers in GAS FIXTURES, IRON and LEAD PIPE IRON and BRASS FITTING of all kinds.

PUMPS,

SINKS, HOSE, BELTING, GLAZED SEWER PIPE, Etc.

We also keep on hand a large and well selected stock of Breech and Muzzle-Loading

SHOT GUNS,

REVOLVERS,

And all kinds of

Sportsmen's Goods.

As we buy strictly for CASH, we are enabled to duplicate any goods in our line at Eastern prices. GIVE US A CALL.

Prairie St., 2 Doors East of Postoffice.

KORSMYER & O'NEILL.

Oct. 14, 1880—d&w

Joseph Butcliffe,

Commission Merchant

I will pay in CASH the highest price for

WOOL, FEATHERS, APPLES, &c.

STORE: Under Gay & Carter's Insurance Office, Opera Block.

Nov. 11, 1880—d&w

Administrators Notice.

Estate of WILLIAM B. GLAZEBROOK, Dec'd

JUROR NOTICE is hereby given to all persons who claim to be entitled to any share of the estate of William B. Glazebrook, dec'd, to the effect of the said will, to appear at the court of probate in the city of Decatur, on the 2nd Monday of February, A. D. 1881, being the 1st day of said month.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at Decatur, Ill., this 11th day of January, A. D. 1881.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHARLES LAUX, Proprietor.

South side of the Old Square, Decatur, Illinois.

Jan. 1, 1880—d&w

How to Keep Warm.

The most sensible way of meeting a cold spell is to make the system a stove of itself, and this may be done by eating largely of highly carbonaceous food. Weather like this you ought to eat plenty of fat food—fat ham, pork and beans, bacon, fat beef, pork sausages—in fact, all manner of greasy aliment may be indulged in when the mercury has sunk into the basement of the thermometer. Food of this kind is slowly burned in the interior economy of the eater, but the animal heat evoked is greater than that produced by any other kind of animal food. Wear plenty of clothing, not necessarily in heavy outer wraps, which only keep off the wind, as in garments which cling closely to your skin and retain your animal heat—the heat you are making in your personal stove. Clothing by itself does not warm, but by its non-conducting power prevents animal heat from passing away from the body too rapidly or the outside temperature from reaching the body. Then, as to sleeping arrangements. Lots of people fill the stoves in their chambers to red-hotness, till the air is almost suffocating. This is a great mistake. The room should be no warmer than usual; but extra bed covering should be used. He who goes to bed with an easy conscience, just enough food in his stomach to keep the gastric juice out of mischief, his room not warmer than 70 degrees, and enough clothes on him to keep the animal heat from passing off too rapidly, will sleep the sleep of the just whose notes are provided for.

The Little Folks.

A little boy, five years old: "Oh, mother, it is so cold! I'm half a little oven and half a frozen pond."

A little boy in Georgia, who wrote to Santa Claus for a pony, was wise enough to add: "Pocrit. If he is a mule, please ty his behine legs."

A little thing in Sunday school was asked by her teacher if she always said her prayers night and morning. "No, Miss, I don't."

"Why, Mary, are you not afraid to go to sleep in the dark without asking the good Father to take care of you till morning?" "No, Miss, I ain't, 'cause I sleep in the middle."

"You young scamp," cried an elderly gentleman, as he caught a little urchin in the act of picking his pocket, "aren't you ashamed of yourself? You so young and a thief already?" "Oh, gammon," retorted the urchin, "I like that! Ain't you ashamed of yourself— you so old and ain't got a silk handkerchief yet?"

It was his first appearance at the church, and in order that he might sit perfectly still and keep his little chatter between his teeth, he was told that a big dog would bite him if he didn't keep that quiet. The little fellow cast several glances up and down the aisle, and at last, just in the most interesting part of the minister's prayer, started the congregation by piping up: "Mamma, where is the dog?"

FACTS THAT WE KNOW.

If you are suffering with a severe cough, cold, asthma, bronchitis, consumption, loss of voice, tickling in the throat, or any ailment of the lungs, or lungs, you know that Dr. King's New Discovery will give you immediate relief. We know of hundreds of cases it has completely cured, and that where all other medicines have failed. No other remedy can show half as many permanent cures. Now to give you satisfactory proof that King's New Discovery will cure you of Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Consumption, or any of the above diseases, if you will call at Hubbard & Sweeten's drug store, you can get a trial bottle free of cost, or a regular size bottle for \$1.

Gold and Silver Fringes, Spangles, Gimp, Lace, Ribbons, Braids and Buttons, at Linn & Scruggs.

Dec 20—d&w

We keep everything in our line; low shoes, high shoes, big shoes, little shoes, broad shoes, narrow shoes, fine shoes or coarse shoes, and if you want any other kind of a shoe we will order it for you. We aim to please. Call and see us.

BARBER & BAKER.

Cash Does the Business.

We buy for cash, buy cheap, sell on low margins, try to get the best made and most durable goods that we can find; try to please our customers, never make any misrepresentations knowingly, always willing to correct mistakes, want your trade. Come and see us; we are always glad to see old friends and make new ones.

BARBER & BAKER.

BUCKLE'S ARNICA BALVE.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all kinds of skin eruptions. This Salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box.

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"Boss Clothier!"

OFFERS TO THE TRADE THE LARGEST STOCK OF

Overcoats, Ulsters and Ulsterettes

IN MEN'S, YOUTHS', BOYS', and CHILDREN'S.

EVER EXHIBITED IN THIS MARKET.

OUR ASSORTMENT IS SIMPLY IMMENSE,

OUR PRICES DEFY ANY AND ALL COMPETITION.



\$5.00 will buy a substantial Overcoat.

\$7.50 buys a Dressy Overcoat.

\$10.00 takes a Stunner.

\$12.50 buys a Fine Beaver.

Our \$15.00 Coat is simply immense.

\$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00 buys the finest

Ready-made Overcoats in market.

In short, we can suit you, please you, fit you, and all your friends. Bring them in and take yourself along with them. Always on hand.

B. STINE, The "Boss Clothier!"

Dealer in all kinds of

CLOTHING!

For Men, Youths, Boys and Children, and plenty to go around. Nov. 12, 1880—d&w

Coal: The Indiana Coal Co. has on hand the very best quality of Lackawanna, Hard Coal, chestnut size, at \$9.00 per ton, screened and delivered. F. D. CALDWELL. Dec. 22—d&w

To The Public. The Rev. Geo. W. Pepper, a Methodist minister of Bellevue, Ohio, will deliver a lecture here on Thursday evening, Jan. 20th, 1881. His subject will be: "The Agitation of the Land Question in Ireland, and the cause of so many famines in that unfortunate country." The Reverend gentleman is one of the most noted lecturers in this country and will doubtless receive a warm reception. 8d

If you want good bread buy at Milam's bakery. 24 d

See the "Common Sense" Shoes at J. W. Baker's. Nov. 27—d

SHERIDAN'S patent process flour saves one-half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here. Dec. 15—d&w

The Comfort Patent Corset—Bortree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at Jan. 30—d&w Linn & Scruggs.

Change of Residence.

Peter Perl, the undertaker, has removed his residence from West Wood street to the building two doors south of May's grocery store, on South Main street. Calls by night or day will receive prompt attention. Mr. Perl has recently purchased this property, and will improve it for his permanent home. Dec 7—d&w

PATENT "La Reine" corded corsets, a beautiful corset, superbly made, without bones, in high favor with many, to which we call the attention of the ladies. dec 18 Linn & Scruggs.

The celebrated Baker breech-loading shot gun; also a new line of muzzle loaders and ammunition for sale at bottom prices at KORSMEYER & O'NEILL, two doors east of postoffice. Oct. 20—d&w

Remove your shoe bills by buying of Barber & Baker. d&w

CHARNOIS-LENE SHOES at J. W. Baker's. Nov. 27—d

FLANNEL-LINED Shoes and Slippers, at J. W. Baker's. [Nov. 27]

Dear & Kindest

Offer special bargain in Notions and Ladies' Furnishing Goods. Jan. 11—d&w

Soft Not Coal an dry stove wood a McChelland's coal yard.

May 17—d

J. W. Tyler Out of Business. I take this method of informing the public generally and my old patrons in city and country in particular, that I am now out of business, having disposed of my stock of harness, saddles, bridles, etc. All parties indebted to me are requested to call at once at Walters & Tyler's drug store, south side city park, where the accounts may be found and where settlements may be made. I desire in conclusion to return my thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me in the past, and as I will soon re-open in the harness business, I hope by square dealing and good work to merit and receive a continuation of the same. Respectfully, J. W. TYLER

Decatur, Jan. 4, 1881—d&w

FACT, Milam's new process bread has no superior. 24—d

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of one execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of James D. Tait, administrator of the estate of Joseph Spangier, deceased, and against Jacob Lichtenberger and Andrew Sheeta, I have levied upon the following described property: Lots one (1), two (2) and three (3) of S. A. Jack's Addition to the city of Decatur, Illinois. Taken at property of Jacob Lichtenberger, and Andrew Sheeta, which I shall offer at public sale at the west outside door of the court house, in Decatur, Illinois, in said state, on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1881, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This said day of December, A. D. 1880. W. W. FORTNA, Sheriff Macon county, Illinois.

Jan. 1—d&w

In the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Illinois.

In Bankruptcy—No. 1,619.

In the matter of JEROME CULP, Bankrupt. NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the reorganization of the estate of Jerome Culp, of Macon county, Illinois, in said district, duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879, and the amendments thereto, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 6th day of February, A. D. 1881, at eleven o'clock A. M., is assigned for the hearing of the same by the said court, at the United States Court Room in the City of Springfield, Illinois, and all other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. M. R. COVENSHE, Clerk. HARVEY PARCO, Attorney for Petitioner. Dated at Springfield, Jan. 4, A. D. 1881. Jan. 4, 1881—d&w

In the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Illinois.

In Bankruptcy—No. 2020

In the matter of MARTIN L. RYAN, Bankrupt. NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said court by said Martin L. Ryan, of Macon county, Illinois, in said district, duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879, and the amendments thereto, for a discharge and certificate thereof, from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 6th day of February, A. D. 1881, at eleven o'clock A. M., is assigned for the hearing of the same by the said court, at the United States Court Room in the City of Springfield, Illinois, and all other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. M. R. COVENSHE, Clerk. HARVEY PARCO, Attorney for Petitioner. Dated at Springfield, Jan. 4, A. D. 1881. Jan. 4, 1881—d&w

"CHEAP CHARLEY'S" CORNER.



We Have an Immense Quantity of Them!

And we will sell them, if GOOD QUALITY, AND STYLE, COMBINED WITH LOW PRICES, IS AN INDUCEMENT. WE MEAN

OUR OVERCOATS AND SUITS.

FOR MEN, BOYS OR CHILDREN,

OF OUR OWN MANUFACTURING, and sold with only a manufacturer's profit.

THIS season is a peculiar season. Some clothing men who say their goods from Manufacturers and Jobbers, had to put an inferior article of clothing, such as Sateen, Union Cloth or so-called, in their stock, for the sake of apparently meeting the prices which we, as manufacturers of our own goods, quote for our all-wood garments. Only our close attention to the manufacturing, and to the market, enables us to guarantee the articles sold, and to uphold the rule (which we were the first to establish in the west) of returning the money for anything bought of us and not satisfactory after taken if returned not soiled.

AS FORMERLY WE ONLY SOLICIT INSPECTION AND COMPARISON

OUR GOODS AND PRICES DO THE TALKING!

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KAUFMAN & BACHMAN Manufacturers of MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!

Dealers in Goods for Men's Wear. Cor. East Main & Water Sts., DECATUR. Factory—Chicago, Illinois. Oct. 27—d&w

Not wealth, nor birth, nor rank nor state, But GET RIGHT UP AND GIT that makes men great.

COAL! COAL!!

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A NEW STOCK OF—

SMOKED AND CURED

MEATS.

WEST SIDE OF THE OLD SQUARE

HAMS.

Have, from 15 pounds and upwards, 11 cents; under 15 pounds, 12 1/2 cts. Sugar-Cured Shoulders, 5 cents; Lard, 10 cts.

Breakfast Bacon, Dried Beef, Bologna and Lard at Wholesale and Retail.

FRESH MEATS

Of all kinds on hand We kill only first-class stock

Made to Order.

The celebrated Wilson Bros' Shirts in deto order and in stock, at B. STINE's, the Boss Clothier.

DR. MOTT'S LIVER PILLS are the best Cathartic Regulation. No. 2

THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 13, 1881.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Men whose lovely decorated china dinner and tea sets, at
K. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's
1109 BULL on Friday night.
Valentines will soon appear.
Buy a ticket for the Pepper lecture.
Four inches of snow fell at Peoria yesterday.
Cheese, Michigan apples, fruits and vegetables, and the celebrated new process buckwheat flour, on sale at Young Bros.
One week from Thursday night the Eldorado Social Club will give another masquerade ball. Get ready to go.
Just now Springfield is experiencing a lively temperance revival. Miss Willard and Mrs. Woodbridge are there, doing their level best to awaken a healthy public sentiment against King Alcohol.
Drive Peter Ulrich a call when in quest of first-class groceries.
Services this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Young men of our city earnestly invited to attend. Noon-day prayer meeting, 11:30 to 12. Reading room open daily.
Ask your dealer for Schneider's popular Bohemian 5 cent cigar. Sold everywhere.
The full proceedings of the last meeting of the Macon county board of supervisors will be found on the fourth page of this issue.

A SYMBIOTIC religious meeting is in progress at the Christian church, under the direction of Elder Richardson, of Assumption. The meetings will probably be kept up for two weeks, and perhaps longer. The public generally is invited to attend the services.

The largest, cheapest and best assortment of Corsets can at all times be found at Lion & McCreary's. Dec 13 d&wtf

Sound D. H. Bellman, grocer, 41 Post, jeweler, Kincaid & Bier, butchers, and Shy, Cutler & Vall, attorneys, will represent in the possession of handsome new water, in which to keep their cash, books and valuable papers.

If you have the chills get "Herdline" a sure cure—sold only by Walters & Tyler, druggists.

We offer about 150 Dolmans, Cloaks, Circulars and Children's Cloaks, made of superior goods and trimmed handsomely. Prices—within reason will not stand in the way of sales without.

14 d&wtf CHEAP STORE.

PROPERTY owners have commenced paying their taxes to Collector Barnes, whose headquarters are at Register Hart's office, east of the council chamber.

The season for coughs and colds is now upon us. Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup is the greatest specific of the day. Call at the drug store and try it, only 25 and 50 cents a bottle. Sold by druggists. 15

Barney White, cigar maker under bonds of \$200 to keep the peace for one year. The securities are Joseph and Catherine Butler. It appears that White and Miss Kate Stahler had some difficulty lately. Two witnesses testified that White had threatened to shoot Miss Stahler.

Over an offering of 1000 tickets, and an offering, most of whom are residents of Birmingham, have lately received the "Grand bonus" by the new managers of the Vandalia fair. It is pretty well understood that the change was made to give favorites far places, the old, old story.

A vast line of new sheet music and musical merchandise generally, may be found at C. H. Prescott's, in opera block.

Miss Williams has removed her place of business in Central block to more convenient quarters on the south side of State street, three doors west of Water street, where she will be pleased to have her friends and patrons call. 12 d&wtf

Two men, unnamed but dressed, attached to Ashby & Andrews' delivery wagon, got together at a swimming plank near the Washburn railway, on yesterday afternoon, and started off on a gallop with the light wagon bounding behind them. The wagon was detached from the shafts, and the horse kept on running until he reached a point on Water street opposite the park, where he slipped and fell. A number of men rushed forward and caught the animal before he could get a fresh start.

A large lot of Hosiery and Corsets will be closed out on one cheap counter at greatly reduced prices. Jan 6 d&wtf LARK & FLETCHER.

Persons united with the First M. E. church on Sunday last, two at night and one at the morning hour. There were 60 persons in attendance at the Sabbath school during the afternoon. The revival services will be continued at this church throughout the present week. You are invited to attend.

News, plated 7.50 cents at \$1.00, and other goods in proportion, at the new gun show, two doors east of postoffice on W. Main. 15

If you have a friend who is troubled with a cough or cold, tell him to try Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup. He will thank you for your advice. It only costs 25 and 50 cents a bottle. 15

No 6 Merchant street, is where D. H. Bellman has been, and where he intends to sell groceries and all kinds of goods in his line always at bottom prices for a century to come that is, provided he lives to be so old as Noah. Jan 17 d&wtf

If you would secure real, genuine, beautiful garments you are perfectly safe in ordering them with us. We offer you first class goods only. No shoddy or trash of any kind on our shelves. We advertise facts only and no deception. See our advertisement in this paper. 15 d&wtf

Trimmed hats as low as \$1 at M. F. Comer's and all other goods remarkably cheap. 15 d&wtf

CHURCH DEPARTMENT.

December: Term, 1880—Judge Wilkin Presiding.

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

December: Term, 1880—Judge Wilkin Presiding.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

People vs. Chas. Wilson and Richard Smith; robbery: motion previously entered for a new trial and arrest of judgment overruled, and prisoners sentenced to six years each in the penitentiary at hard labor; appeal prayed and allowed, bill of exceptions to be filed with clerk in 30 days by both defendants.
Same vs. Wm. Mason; indictment for the larceny of opera glasses from the residence of Mrs. W. H. Manning; trial by jury; verdict, guilty, the jury fixing the value of the stolen property at \$7. Sentence deferred.
Same vs. Owen Roney; robbery: plea of not guilty withdrawn, and a plea of guilty entered to second count; note as to others. Defendant sentenced to be imprisoned in the county jail for 30 days and pay costs of prosecution.
Same vs. Richard Smith; robbery: Stricken from docket with leave to replead.
Same vs. James Wilson; selling liquor to minor: motion to quash indictment overruled.
Same vs. James Lunsford; forgery: trial by jury.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. and Mrs. Loberger, of Casner Station, are guests at Priem's Hotel.
James Prentiss, who was lately quite seriously injured by a falling cellar door, is convalescent.

Hon. and Mrs. John E. Rosette, of Springfield, departed for their home last evening. Mr. Rosette was still quite ill.
Harry D. Martin, representing the Eli Lilly manufacturing chemist house, of Indianapolis, is in the city, the guest of W. W. Cole.

The friends of Mrs. Frank Leforgee will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at her home on North Church street. Her condition is reported as alarming.

Hon. B. K. Durfee and family have apartments at the Leland Hotel, Springfield, where also Hon. Jason Rogers is stopping while at the capital serving his constituents.

Judge J. W. Wilkin, of Marshall, did not arrive in Decatur until late on yesterday afternoon; but he convened court and proceeded with a larceny case on the criminal docket.

"El" Block is entitled to a handsome chromo for his perseverance and endurance exhibited at the No. 1 skating rink last night. Without stopping even once he made 255 trips around the rink on the ice, making a distance of 15 miles. It took him over two hours to accomplish the feat.

Robert F. Cann, of Harristown township, is in a quandary, the cause of which is a bouncing boy that lately came to his house. It is not the first one by any means, but so proud is Bob over the quality of this one that he is puzzled to know what name to give him. Persons kindly disposed are requested to send in lists of pretty names to select from.

Concert Friday Night.
Olaf Hall, the great Swedish violinist, assisted by Miss Sara Elise Page, soprano prima donna; Miss Dora Brannstrom, contralto; Howard Young, pianist, and musical director, will give a grand vocal and instrumental concert at the Opera House, in this city, on Friday evening next. An exchange says: "Olaf Hall is the master of the violin. The selections used gave the opportunity to awaken from his instrument those exquisite manipulations which delight the true musician, and at the same time please the audience." Popular prices. Secure reserved seats at Curtis & Co's.

A CORRESPONDENT at Warrensburg writes to us as follows: "The lectures at the Church of God Chapel last Friday night and last night, by the Rev. T. T. Kendrick, were a success from every standpoint. The Rev. gentleman is making himself many friends in this community. The last lecture of the first series will be on next Saturday night. Subject, 'Courtship and Marriage.' There is a large audience expected. Good music to precede and succeed the lecture."

Quick a painful accident befel Mr. Solomon Belz, a son-in-law of Mr. D. K. Wilson, on yesterday (17th) afternoon, near Argenta, in this county. Mr. Belz was engaged in chopping wood, when the ax slipped, and part of one of the operator's toes on his left foot was cut off smooth, the ax driving part way into the big toe. The sufferer was taken to Argenta where the wound was properly dressed.

Work in the P. M. degree this evening at Macon Chapter No. 21, R. A. Masons. A. R. SMALL, H. P.

By All Means
see and twice our Hosiery and Corsets. We show immense assortments, and offer them at about cost. 18 d&wtf

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EDUCATIONAL.

[All matters intended for this column should be sent to John T. Foster or Samuel McBride, Decatur, or Miss Maggie Patterson, Macon.]

TOPICS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

The following topics which are of interest to both old and young teachers will be discussed at the next teachers' meeting, which convenes the first Saturday in February, at one o'clock p. m. Let them be carefully and thoughtfully studied.
1.—How can we encourage more reading among our pupils?
2.—To what extent should arithmetic be taught in our common schools?
3.—How can we cultivate good manners and morals among our pupils?
4.—How can we secure regular attendance among our pupils?
5.—Each teacher to report on something new which was tried during the past month.

SOME QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

We have carefully read your plan of grading the country schools, but fail to see how you will avoid too many classes. Please explain.—*Wm.*
When we say that the pupil should spend two years in a certain reader grade we do not mean that he should read in classes two years. We only base our graduation on the reader for convenience. We would have reading alternate with some other study. We now spend nearly all our time in reading in the country schools and yet we fail to make good readers. Less and better reading will accomplish more than all the time spent in poor reading. In short, we would have the pupil be able to read anything in his reader when he first passes over its pages. I do not understand how many departments you would have in your graduating course.—*M. Zion.*
We would have three. The primary, grammar and high school or final review departments. All pupils below the fourth reader grade should be classed as belonging to the primary and all in the fourth and fifth reader to the grammar departments.

When will the course of study be ready for teachers.—*Macon.* In about ten days.
Horace Andrews, Chas. Groves, John Nicky and Thomas Jacobs report spelling schools.

Long Creek school went by way of wagon trains to Bois D'Arc and spelled "dew" that school and Blue Door combined. So we hear.

Mary C. Gregory is having a very successful literary night school at Eldorado. Basia Gilman, Horace Andrews, W. H. Givier and Nellie Pratt have all the advantages of the presence of "Mott's Model Mode," and L. M. Andrews smiles over the possession of "Greenlaw's Medley Charts." These luxuries cost the tax payers \$150.

So many unabridged dictionaries were reported last week that we do not find space to notice the lucky districts. Let the good work go on.

DECORATE THE SCHOOL ROOM.

The school room is the home of many a poor child; nay, it is a paradise to some. The manner in which houses are decorated now does not depend upon the wealth of their owners but upon the culture of the inmates. While nearly all pupils come from homes more or less adorned with pictures, scarcely any of them find their school room so decorated. While the teachers' tenure of office is very uncertain under our present practice, it is no reason why they should not do something to make the school room the most cheerful place in the district. A picture on the wall is a world to many a poor boy or girl. A motto may save some one from a life of shame and crime. Study this plan of decoration and act on its suggestions: "Let the teacher furnish one picture (e. g. either donate it to the school or else loan it for the term) and simply allow those who will do likewise to furnish one or more pictures or mottoes. Explain how neat and beautiful decorations may be found in magazines, papers, etc.; have every picture framed in some manner. Girls will gladly do this if cautiously directed. Suggest how wood, leather, corn husks, autumn leaves, ferns, shells, grains, etc., may be made to play an important part in inventing curious frames and borders for these beauties of art. Mothers will gladly loan a picture sometimes. Brush down the cob webs and cover their places with some adornment. It is a rare thing to find disorder in a well decorated school room if managed discreetly by the teacher. Acting on the above suggestions, I appoint Friday, Jan. 28th, 1881, as the first decoration day for Macon county schools. Let over one hundred country schools take hold of this and see the results. Drop us a card on Saturday following, giving names of donors and objects placed in the schools by this plan. T.

To the Ladies.
We again beg to say that our stock of Hosiery and Corsets cannot be excelled for variety and styles. Carrying, as we do, thousands of dozens of the former and several thousands of the latter, we cannot quote prices or particularize. We simply ask for an inspection and the pricing of these few specialties. We think we show a more complete, fresh, new line of the goods referred to, than any house in central Illinois. You must not compare any of our goods to some of the stocks that are thrown upon the market now-a-days—goods that have been sold and resold a half dozen times, and get old from handling and involving. 18 d&wtf

CLEANING SALE.

of Millinery and Notions at Bear & Kinsler's.
We wish to inform the ladies of Decatur and the surrounding country that we have this day MARKED DOWN our entire stock of Millinery and Notions to less prices than any other similar house in the city has yet attempted. We quote no prices, neither do we give 50 per cent. off; but guarantee to all who may favor us with a call, to give them bargains. BEAR & KINSLER.
Decatur, Ill., Jan. 11 d&wtf

MARRIED.

At the Brookland Hotel, in the city of San Francisco, Cal., on Jan. 10th, 1881, MRS. A. J. LARLEY, of Walnut Grove, Macon county, Ga., and MISS LIDA EMMERSON, of Hartford, Conn., Cal.

The bride was formerly a resident of this county, and is a daughter of Mr. Jacob Spangler.

DIED.

In this city, on Monday evening, Jan. 12th, 1881, EMMA MAUD, only daughter of David and Cynthia A. Levy, aged 9 years.

The deceased had been ill for several weeks with scarlet fever, and then with dropsy, which resulted in death.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, No. 18, West Cerra Gordo street, on to-morrow (Wednesday) forenoon at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

"Karat, Impressive, Eloquent."

Rev. G. W. Pepper will lecture at the tabernacle on Thursday evening next, under the auspices of the Decatur Land League, for the benefit of the suffering people of Ireland. His subject will be the "Land League in Ireland." Hundreds of tickets at 25 cents each have already been sold for the lecture, which we are assured will be one of the most interesting and profitable discourses lately delivered here. We append a few of Rev. Pepper's many testimonials:

"The Rev. Geo. W. Pepper, who spoke last evening, is a good type of the Scotch-Irish race, manly and sturdily framed, with a fine, intelligent head and a style of speaking earnest, impressive, eloquent."—*Buffalo Express.*

"The Rev. Geo. W. Pepper delivered a lecture last evening in Music Hall, before a large audience. In closing, the reverend gentleman eloquently urged his hearers to unite."—*Boston Post.*

"A most eloquent lecture! The gentleman spoke for an hour and a half, and was listened to with the closest attention. His remarks were frequently interrupted with applause."—*Boston Journal.*

"Able and interesting."—*Boston Pilot.*

Tickets on sale at Curtis & Co's.

Oh, What a Cough!

Will you heed the warning. The signal of the cough is the approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cents to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year. It relieves croup, and whooping cough, at once. Mothers do not be without it. For Jane, Jack, Alice, or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Henry Smith, druggist.

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Is it not worth the small price of 75 cents to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints, if you think so, call at our store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer, every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use accordingly and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing. Sold by Henry Smith.

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THE MARKET.

Following were the noon closing quotations at McWhorter & Rollins "board of trade" room to-day:
CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Wheat, 97 1/2c Feb.; 98 1/2c March; 1.03c May. Corn—35 1/2c Jan.; 36c Feb.; 36 1/2c May. Oats—31 1/2c Feb.; 31 3/4c March; 32 1/2c May.
TOLDO, Jan. 12.—Wheat, 1.04c cash; 1.05c Feb.; 1.06 1/2c March; 1.07 1/2c April; 1.10 1/2c May.

PARTIES wanting stoves, glassware or furniture, now is your time. Ashby & Andrews have to move, and must sell the stock off. Oct. 30 d&wtf

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between T. Augustine Wait and Martin B. Pratt, under the firm name of A. WAIT & CO., was by mutual consent dissolved on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1881.
T. AUGUSTINE WAIT,
JAN. 17—dlt
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A LECTURE

will be delivered at the

TABERNACLE,

—OR—

THURSDAY EVE., Jan. 20

—BY THE—

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SUBJECT:

Land League & Ireland

Come out and hear his thrilling description of the dark, bloody and terrible famine. Come and spend a most enjoyable evening with the man who wears the mantle of Thomas Francis Meagher. The proceeds of the evening will be immediately forwarded to Ireland for the furtherance of the Land League movement.

Doors open at 7 o'clock, and Lecture will commence promptly at half-past seven.

Admission, 25 Cents.

By order

Jan. 15—dlt

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Fine yd.-wide Brown Muslin, 6

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Jan. 5, 1881—d&wtf

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Our entire stock has been selected with the utmost care, and bought directly of manufacturers and importers, consequently we feel sure we can give you LOWER PRICES than any firm in the city, and at the same time give you a FAR BETTER SELECTION of goods than you would be able to find could you see the other stocks of our city combined. We have just returned from New York and the Eastern Markets, and were there at the season when the holiday patterns were "brought out," and, therefore, were enabled to select many things that will not be found elsewhere in the city.

We should like very much to have the opportunity to show you through our line and GIVE YOU PRICES. We have always made it a point to have all our advertisements STRICTLY TRUE, and when we allude to our stock being so far in excess of all others here, and our prices lower, we do so knowing that an inspection on your part will convince you of the facts. Very respectfully,

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17 East Main St., Decatur, Ill.

Dec. 8—d&wtf

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Choice patterns 25 to 30 cents per roll; not half the usual price; for 30 days only. 14 d&wtf

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